NOVA SCOTIA

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Nova Scotia at a Glance 2002

Government

Lieutenant Governor: Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Premier: Honourable John F. Hamm

Nova Scotia was one of the four original provinces to join Confederation in 1867.

At October 2002 the standings of the parties were:

Provincial Legislature	House of Commons	Canadian Senate
52 Seats	301 Seats	105 Seats
31 Progressive Conservative	11 Nova Scotia Members	9 Nova Scotia Senators
10 Liberal		1 Vacant
11 New Democrat		

Estimates - Province of Nova Scotia Budgetary Summary (April 4, 2002 $ Thousands)

	Actual 2000-01	Estimate 2001-02	Forecast 2001-02	Estimate 2002-2003
Ordinary Revenue	**5,090,874**	**5,134,771**	**5,147,563**	**5,306,658**
Net Expenses				
Net Program Expenses	4,250,642	4,373,369	4,478,377	4,512,724
Pension Valuation Adjustment	(76,175)	(48,750)	(60,000)	(50,000)
Net Debt Servicing Costs	872,818	908,857	862,353	865,134
	5,047,285	**5,233,476**	**5,280,730**	**5,327,858**
	(43,589)	**(98,705)**	**(133,167)**	**(21,200)**
Consolidation and Accounting Adjustments for Government Service Organizations	**(322,184)**	–	–	–
Net Income (Losses) for Government Businesses Enterprises	**246,108**	**8,000**	**26,838**	**22,500**
Unusual Item				
Nova Scotia Resources Ltd.	**179,825**	–	–	–
Provincial Surplus (Deficit)	**147,338**	**(90,705)**	**(106,329)**	**1,300**

Demography

Population (July 1 Estimates)

	1986	1991	1996	2001
Nova Scotia	889,321	915,068	931,235	942,691

In 2001 the province comprised 3.0% of the total Canadian population. The population density was 17.8 persons per square kilometre.

Population by Age and Sex (July 1, 2001 Estimate)

Age	Males	Females	Total
0-14	86,096	81,989	169,085
15-24	64,406	62,378	126,784
25-44	142,029	144,724	286,753
45-64	116,360	118,752	235,112
65+	52,769	73,188	125,957
Total	**461,660**	**481,031**	**942,691**

Vital Statistics

	1996	2001
Live Births	10,573	9,348
Deaths	7,751	8,609
Marriages	5,392	5,035
Divorces	2,228	1,949*

** 2000 Data*

Population of Nova Scotia Counties (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2001
Annapolis	24,004	22,818	22,389
Antigonish	19,530	19,993	20,262
Cape Breton	121,880	120,360	113,154
Colchester	48,470	50,432	51,064
Cumberland	34,820	34,562	33,634
Digby	21,565	20,958	20,625
Guysborough	11,871	11,142	10,017
Halifax	337,085	352,153	370,998
Hants	38,496	40,440	42,666
Inverness	21,937	21,378	21,080
Kings	57,338	60,661	61,794
Lunenburg	48,360	48,587	49,602
Pictou	50,417	49,819	49,473
Queens	13,110	12,698	12,213
Richmond	11,409	11,258	10,733
Shelburne	17,605	17,393	16,937
Victoria	8,828	8,697	8,477
Yarmouth	28,343	27,881	27,573

Population of Cities and Towns – 5,000+ (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2001
Halifax City	116,795	117,173	118,095
Dartmouth City	69,123	67,376	65,975
Bedford	11,812	13,972	16,603
Truro	11,882	12,241	12,264
New Glasgow	10,059	10,039	10,060
Amherst	9,915	9,917	9,718
Bridgewater	7,351	7,504	7,778
Yarmouth	7,908	7,723	7,565
Kentville	5,597	5,675	5,536
Stellarton	5,312	5,073	4,865

The Economy

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

At Market Prices	1996	1999	2001
Current Dollars	19,543	22,982	24,917
Constant 1997 Dollars	19,752	19,919	20,807

Civil Labour Force and Employment

	1996	2001
Population 15+	724,700	751,600
Labour Force	431,100	468,900
Employed	378,100	423,300
Unemployed	53,000	45,600
Unemployment Rate	12.3%	9.7%
Participation Rate	59.5%	62.4%

Largest Employers by Employment Range

Public

5,000+
Government of Canada
Government of Nova Scotia

2,500-4,999
Canada Post Corporation
Dalhousie University
Halifax Regional Municipality
Halifax Regional School Board
Western Regional Health Board

1,000-2,499
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
Canadian Corps of Commissionaires
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board
Central Regional Health Board
Chignecto-Central Regional Health Board
Eastern Regional Health Board
Northern Regional Health Board
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Southwest Regional School Board
Strait Regional School Board

Private

5,000+

2,500-4,999
Atlantic Wholesalers
Aliant
Michelin North America (Cda) Inc.
Sobeys Inc.

1,000-2,499
Bank of Nova Scotia
IMP Group Ltd
Royal Bank of Canada
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
Trenton Works Ltd.

Taxation

Nova Scotia offers a competitive tax structure for corporations. The 16% general rate is competitive with most other provinces. Nova Scotia's 15% fully refundable R&D credit is among the most generous in the country and the Small Business Corporate Tax rate is 5%. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency collects Nova Scotia's Income Tax so firms need only file a single return – at any Canada Customs and Revenue Agency office in the country. There is no payroll tax. The sales tax is harmonized with the Federal value-added tax, the goods and service tax, and therefore, offers input tax credits to suppliers of taxable sales.

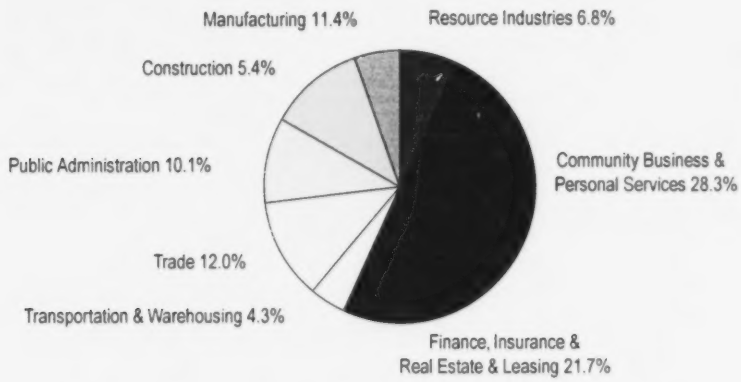
Consumer Price Index – All Items

	Index 1992=100		Annual % Change	
	1996	2001	1996	2001
Nova Scotia	105.6	116.3	1.7	1.8
Canada	105.9	116.4	1.6	2.6

Incomes

	1993	Most Current
Personal Income per Capita	$19,378	$24,487 (2001)
Average Family Income	41,809	42,413 (1999)
Average Income per Tax Filer	22,030	25,425 (1999)
Average Weekly Wage	495.55	569.61 (2001)
Minimum Wage effective Oct. 1, 2002		$6.00/hr (experienced) $5.35/hr (inexperienced)

Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Factor Cost (2000)



Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Basic Prices ($ Millions 1997)

	1997	2001
Goods Producing	4,179	4,888
Resource Industries	1,293	1,410
Manufacturing	1,905	2,364
Construction	981	1,114
Service Producing	14,204	15,919
Transportation and warehousing	822	895
Trade	2,017	2,494
Finance,Insurance,Real Estate, and Renting & Leasing	4,007	4,516
Community, Business & Personal Services	4,777	5,438
Public Administration	2,153	2,095
Other Service	428	481
Total*	**18,383**	**20,807**

** Figures may not add due to rounding*

Employment by Industry ('000)

	1997	2001
Goods Producing	*83.8*	*92.7*
Agriculture	7.3	7.3
Other Primary	15.2	13.6
Utilities	2.3	2.6
Manufacturing	37.7	43.5
Construction	21.3	25.7
Service Producing	*300.5*	*330.5*
Transportation & Warehousing	16.7	21.2
Wholesale & Retail Trade	66.9	77.0
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	21.5	20.1
Community, Business & Personal Services	165.4	186.3
Public Administration[1]	29.9	25.9
Total Employment	**384.3**	**423.3**

**Numbers do not total due to rounding*
[1]Excludes defense

Number of Businesses and Employment by Sector (1999)

	No. of Businesses	Employment[1]
Mines, Quarries & Oil Wells	88	5,200
Other Primary Sectors	4,027	10,400
Manufacturing	2,292	42,100
Construction	3,876	16,100
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	1,377	23,100
Wholesale Trade	2,221	17,900
Retail Trade	4,485	54,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,679	21,600
Community, Business&Personal Services	9,970	124,600
Public Administration	186	49,900
Not Classified	260	2,200
All Business	**33,138**	**367,200**

[1] Average full-time, full-year equivalent employment

Goods Producing Sector

Agriculture

Number of Census Farms

	1991	1996	2001[1]
Number	3,980	4,021	3,923

[1] Excludes "Christmas tree only" farms

Farm Cash Receipts ($'000)

	1996	2001
Crops	101,356	97,778
Cattle & Calves	25,722	34,373
Hogs	36,078	38,819
Dairy Products	85,924	95,861
Poultry	54,475	61,659
Eggs	25,298	22,416
Forest & Maple Products	14,552	24,331*
Other Livestock & Products	21,185	25,671
Payments	12,935	17,531
Total Cash Receipts	**377,525**	**418,439**

** Includes Christmas Trees*

Fishery (excludes Aquaculture)

Fish Landings by Species – Quantity (Tonnes)

	1996	2001
Cod	12,706	10,443
OtherGroundfish	73,832	69,528
Pelagic & Estuarial	89,832	89,913
Scallops	40,305	84,066
Lobster	17,694	28,217
Other Shellfish	29,760	58,695
Miscellaneous	15,202	N/A
Total	**279,331**	**340,862**

Fishing Landings by Species – Value ($'000)

	1996	2001
Cod	18,209	17,077
Other Groundfish	67,432	78,894
Pelagic & Estuarial	42,255	36,016
Scallops	57,983	111,927
Lobster	199,935	361,714
Other Shellfish	78,965	147,191
Miscellaneous	1,449	N/A
Total	**466,225**	**752,820**

Forestry

Forest Production by Round Product ('000m^3)

		1998	2001
Provincial	Softwood	4,624	4,639
	Hardwood	297	440
	Total	**4,920**	**5,078**
Export	Softwood	563	652
	Hardwood	356	452
	Total	**920**	**1,104**
Total	Softwood	5,187	5,291
	Hardwood	653	892
	Total	**5,840**	**6,183**

Mining

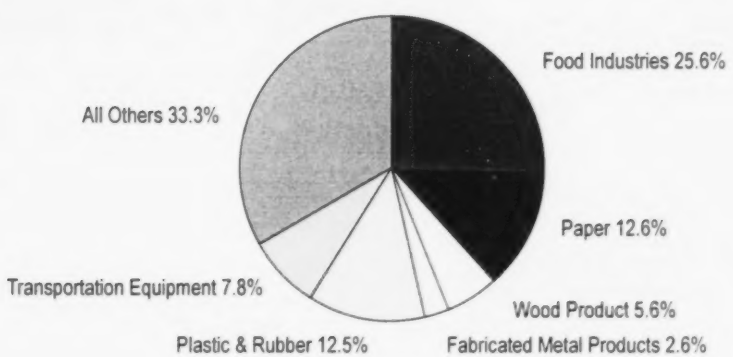
Mineral Production – by Value ($'000)

	1996	2001[2]
Non-metals[1]	203,685	238,730
Coal	187,770	53,647
Crude Petroleum	201,198	150,721
Natural Gas & Byproducts	--	972,076
Total All Materials	**592,653**	**1,415,714**

[1] *Includes gypsum, salt, peat moss*
[2] *Preliminary*

Manufacturing

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group (2001)



Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group ($ Millions)

	1996	2001
Food	1,600	2,186
Beverage & Tobacco Products	N/A	210
Wood Product	N/A	481
Paper	N/A	1,073
Plastic & Rubber Products	N/A	1,067
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	116	160
Fabricated Metal Product	135	225
Transportation Equipment	N/A	665
All Other Industries[1]	4,357	2,472
Total All Industries	**6,208**	**8,538**

[1] *Includes figures for industry data considered confidential or not listed above.*

Construction

Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

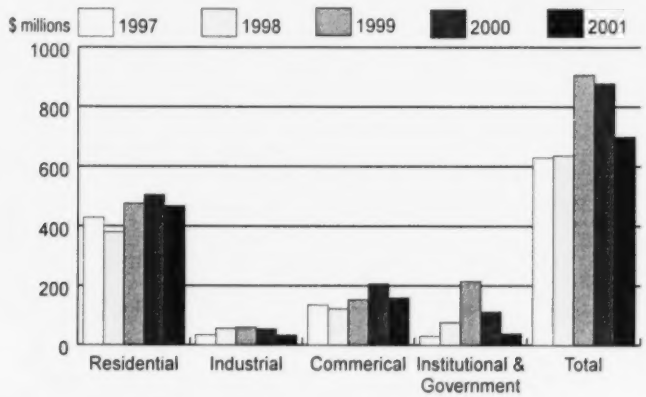
Expenditures	**2000(a)**	**2001(pa)**	**2002(ri)**
Construction	2,678.0	2,618.0	3,067.2
Machinery & Equipment	1,819.6	1,698.2	1,890.6
Total	**4,497.7**	**4,316.2**	**4,957.8**

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Housing Starts by Type (No. of Units)

	1996	2001
Single Detached	3,278	2,761
Semi-Detached & Duplex	447	228
Row	59	40
Apartment	275	1,063
Total	**4,059**	**4,092**

Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)



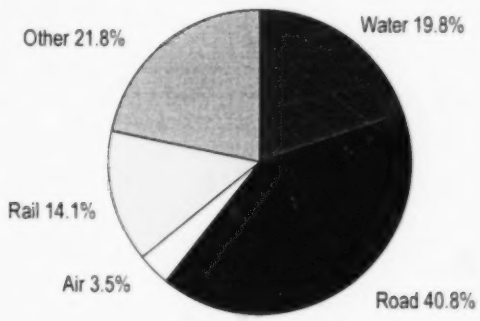
Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

	1996	2001
Residential	475.0	467.8
Industrial	59.7	33.6
Commercial	114.7	159.7
Institutional & Government	39.6	38.9
Total	**689.0**	**699.9**

Service Producing Sectors

Transportation

Trade Exports by Mode of Transport (2001)



Air Air Canada, Air St. Pierre, Continental Express and several charter services operate out of the Halifax International Airport, offering regular flights to all Canadian destinations as well as international service to Boston, New York, Bermuda, London, Glasgow and points beyond. Major airports with service connecting to all key Atlantic Canadian destinations are also located in Yarmouth and Sydney. Numerous smaller facilities are located throughout the province to serve private craft and flying clubs.

Rail CN operates the primary inland rail connection linking regional and international shippers to markets throughout Canada and the United States. In addition, CN offers access to an extensive intermodal service through its Halifax Richmond Terminal and service to two container terminals. There are two shortline railways under provincial jurisdiction providing an invaluable service to regional and local shippers. The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway (CB&CNS) operates from Sydney to Truro where it interchanges with CN. The Windsor and Hantsport Railway (WHRC) operates between Windsor Junction and New Minas, connecting with CN in Windsor Junction. VIA Rail operates the Ocean, a six-day a week transcontinental passenger rail service, between Halifax and Montreal.

Road There are approximately 23,000 kilometers of highways in Nova Scotia. The TransCanada and 100-series highways are all-weather, mostly controlled-access and rapid transit that join with the New Brunswick TransCanada Highway to points in Canada and the United States. Highway 104 includes a stretch of four lane toll highway which opened December, 1997. Acadian Lines provides a bus link to most major communities within the province and there are also a number of regional and local bus services. Over 600,000 persons have road motor vehicle operator's licences, and total vehicle registration in fiscal 2001 numbered 544,407.

Water Numerous ports dot the coastline of the province. The Port of Halifax is one of the world's finest and most sophisticated deep-water ports and is perfectly suited to 21st century sea-going trade and commerce. It offers a 21 metre-deep ice free harbour with easy approaches and two of the most modern container terminals in the world, each with on-dock rail service and the capability to handle the most varied ro-ro and dimensional load cargoes, as well as the largest container ships. Handling about 14 million tonnes of cargo a year, the Port of Halifax is the first westbound and last eastbound port of call on the continent, offering the shortest ocean voyage times for trade across the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, into the Suez and around the world. Car/passenger ferry service connects between Bar Harbor and Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia; and between Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island and Caribou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Trade

Retail Trade ($ Millions)

	1999	2000	2001
Supermarkets & Grocery Stores	1,993	2,061	2261
Motor Vehichle & Recreational Vehicle Dealers	1,973	2,030	2,068
General Merchandise Stores	924	942	917
Gasoline Service Stations	711	822	826
Drugs & Patent Medicine Stores	530	540	573
Other	2,032	2,090	2,098
Total Retail Sales	**8,163**	**8,485**	**8,743**
Per Capita($'s)Nova Scotia	8,687	9,015	9,275
Canada	8,550	9,003	9,311

Wholesale Trade ($ Millions)

	2001	% Change 2000-01
Nova Scotia	6,996	2.1
Canada	394,168	2.5

International Trade - Nova Scotia Exports by Destination ($ Millions)

	1996	2001
United States	2,147	4,710
Other European Community	347	291
Japan	156	153
United Kingdom	108	81
Other Countries	359	447
Total	**3,117**	**5,682**

Nova Scotia Exports by Major Commodity Groups ($ Millions)

	1996	2001
Fish & Fish Preparations	806	1,130
Paper & Paperboard	327	640
Transportation Equipment	126	234
Wood Pulp & Similar Pulp	243	225
Non-Metallic Minerals, Mineral Fuels	250	1,410
Lumber	81	210
Other Commodity Groups	1,284	1,833
Total	**3,117**	**5,682**

Nova Scotia Imports ($ Millions)

	1996	2001
Total	**3,933**	**5,502**

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2000(a)	2001(pa)	2002(ri)
Finance & Insurance Industries	352.1	202.3	202.9
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing Services	180.4	169.3	243.1

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Selected Community, Business & Personal Services

Community, Business & Personal Services - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	2000	2001	2002
Information & Cultural Industries	310.1	346.7	307.0
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	48.9	54.7	49.8
Educational Service Industries	100.0	129.9	173.2
Health Care & Social Assistance Industries	47.3	111.1	83.1
Accommodation & Food Service Industries	37.4	50.3	26.9

Hospitals (2002)

	Number	Beds
Public General	33	2,431
Psychiatric	1	225
Maternity/Pediatric	1	282
Total	**35**	**2,938**

Long-Term Care Facilities (2002)

	Number	Beds
Total	74	5,904

Educational Institutions

	Number	Enrollment Full-time
Universities (2002/03)	11	33,919
Post Secondary Colleges (2000/01)	5	7,085
Private & Public Schools, Grades Primary to 12 (2001/02)	511	149,111

Communications (1999)

TV Broadcasting Source Stations	10
AM & FM Stations	24
Internet Usage (2001)	57.4%

Tourism

Impact		2000	2001
Receipts ('000)		$1,250,000	$1,221,000
People Employed		34,800	33,500
Non-resident visitors (Jan 1-Dec. 31)			
Mode of Travel	Automobile	1,438,900	1,502,300
	Recreational Vehicle	99,600	81,600
	Motorcoach	91,300	89,100
	Air	548,100	470,700
	Total	**2,175,000**	**2,143,700**
Origin (%)			
Atlantic Canada		52.4	56.1
Other Canada		30.3	27.2
International		17.3	16.7

Accommodations (2001)	*Fixed Roof*	*Campsites*
Supply of Rooms/Sites	18,100	13,400
Room/Site Nights Sold ('000)	2,545	763
Annual Occupancy Rate	54%	41%

Public Administration

Employment	1996	2001
Federal	33,638	29,327
Provincial	50,213	47,430
Local	24,254	26,425
Total	**108,106**	**103,181**

Figures by jurisdiction do not add to published total

Geography

The Province of Nova Scotia covers an area of 55,000 sq. km. The mainland part of the Province is connected to New Brunswick and the remainder of Canada by the 28 km. Isthmus of Chignecto. Cape Breton Island is joined to the mainland by the Canso Causeway. Nova Scotia is located at 59° to 67° Longitude and 43° to 48° Latitude. This places Halifax, the capital city, south of Paris, Vienna, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. The coastline stretches for 7,400km, but the overall length of the Province is only 575km, while average width is 130km.

Climate

Average daily temperatures at Halifax range from – 4.6° Celsius in January to + 17.5° Celsius in July. Rainfall on an annual basis averages 1,178.1 millimeters.

Sources

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